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- NEGOTIATIONS IN PUBLIC REALM

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1. MET WITH VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK AT 9:00 AM MAY 28
AS INSTRUCTED REFS A AND B. I EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE
CONCERNED THAT VARIOUS STORIES HAD APPEARED IN THE PRESS
IN ISRAEL AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE WHICH DISTORTED THE CURRENT
STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, AND THAT WE WISHED TO
PROVIDE SOME COMMENTS FOR PRESIDENT SADAT AND HIM TO MAKE
SURE THERE WERE NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT OUR RECENT
EXCHANGES WITH THE ISRAELIS. AS EXPECTED, VICE PRESIDENT
ASKED IF I HAD SOMETHING IN WRITING SO THAT HE COULD BE
SURE TO GET THE POINTS IN THE MESSAGE PRECISELY, AND I
GAVE HIM "NON-PAPER" BASED ON REF A. WE THEN WENT THROUGH
THE POINTS IN THE MESSAGE TOGETHER, WITH MUBARAK LISTENING
INTENTLY AND ASKING OCCASIONAL QUESTIONS. ON POINT 3 I
EXPLAINED TO HIM THE CHANGE PROVIDED IN REF B (RECEIVED TOO
LATE TO CHANGE "NON-PAPER").

2. MUBARAK SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT AND HE WERE VERY MUCH
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AWARE OF OUR EARLIER PUBLIC STATEMENTS, INCLUDING OUR
DENIAL OF DAYAN'S REMARKS AND OTHER STATEMENTS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE. HE THEREFORE BELIEVED THAT
THE ONLY POINT THAT WOULD BE NEW TO SADAT WAS THAT CONTAINED
IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH WHAT WE INTEND TO TELL
THE ISRAELIS ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE EGYPTIAN COUNTER-
PROPOSALS. HE ASKED WHEN WE WOULD BE CONVEYING THIS

INFORMATION TO THE ISRAELIS AND I RESPONDED THAT I EXPECTED
AMBASSADOR LEWIS WOULD BE DOING SO IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. MUBARAK, WHO WAS OBVIOUSLY PRESSED FOR TIME, SAID HE
WOULD BE SEEING THE PRESIDENT SHORTLY AND WOULD PASS OUR
MESSAGE TO HIM RIGHT AWAY. HE WAS SURE SADAT WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING OUR CLARIFICATIONS OF OUR
RECENT EXCHANGES WITH THE ISRAELIS. AS I LEFT, VICE
PRESIDENT WAS PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR THE BARRAGES TO JOIN
SADAT FOR HIS MEETING THIS MORNING WITH MEMBERS OF THE
ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

4. COMMENT: WITH REGARD TO LAST PARA OF OUR MESSAGE I
NOTE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WE ARE TELLING SADAT AND
MUBARAK OF OUR INTENDED DISCUSSION WITH THE ISRAELIS
ON THE EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSALS AND WHAT AMBASSADOR
LEWIS HAS BEEN ASKED TO SAY TO DAYAN -- SPECIFICALLY,
THAT WE "HAVE MADE SUGGESTIONS DIRECTED TOWARD MAKING
THEM MORE REALISTIC NEGOTIATING DOCUMENTS" (REF D). I
ASSUME THIS DIFFERENCE IS INTENTIONAL.

5. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS TEL AVIV. MATTHEWS

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